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SUBJ: WALDHEIM VISIT TO ISRAEL

REF: (A) JERUSALEM 1130, (B) BEIRUT 2198

1. SUMMARY. ACCORDING TO MFA SOURCE, WALDHEIM VISIT TO ISRAEL WENT AS WELL AS COULD BE EXPECTED. THE THREE MAIN POINTS OF HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH THE ISRAELIS WERE A FIRM ASSURANCE BY BEGIN THAT ISRAEL WOULD WITHDRAW FROM LEBANON; A TIMETABLE FOR ISRAEL'S THIRD WITHDRAWAL; AND AGREEMENT TO MEET TO DISCUSS THE FOURTH AND FINAL WITHDRAWAL. END SUMMARY.

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2. IN A BRIEF DISCUSSION WITH MFA ASST. DIRECTOR GENERAL RONN, HE REVIEWED THE HIGHLIGHTS OF UNSYG WALDHEIM'S VISIT TO ISRAEL. AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED WALDHEIM MET WITH WEIZMAN, DAYAN AND BEGIN, TOURED UNIFIL OPERATIONS IN SOUTHERN LEBANON, WAS GUEST OF HONOR AT A SMALL DINNER HOSTED BY JUSTICE MINISTER TAMIR AND DEPARTED FROM ISRAEL EARLY THIS MORNING.

3. RONN SAID THAT WALDHEIM STRESSED IN EACH MEETING THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT HE BE ABLE TO REPORT ON ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL PLANS "BEFORE THINGS GET TOO ROUGH" IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL. IN RESPONSE BEGIN ASSURED WALDHEIM THAT ISRAEL HAS NO INTENTION OF STAYING IN LEBANON AND THAT IT WILL WITHDRAW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. HOWEVER, IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT THERE BE A PREPARED DEPLOYMENT OF FORCES IN LEBANON TO PREVENT ATTACKS ON ISRAEL AND THE BUILD-UP OF HOSTILE FORCES. WALDHEIM RESPONDED THAT IN THE VIEW OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL, THERE IS NO LINKAGE BETWEEN ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL AND DEPLOYMENT OF UNIFIL. NEVERTHELESS, THE CONTROL OF MOVEMENT OF PERSONS IS PART OF THE MANDATE OF UNIFIL AND HE WOULD SEE THAT THE UN FORCES DO AS MUCH AS THEY CAN TO MAINTAIN PEACE AND STABILITY IN SOUTHERN LEBANON. RONN COMMENTED THAT ISRAELI OFFICIALS FEEL THEY HAVE A FIRM PROMISE FROM WALDHEIM IN THIS RESPECT.

4. AFTER WALDHEIM'S MEETING WITH BEGIN, SIILASVUO MET WITH EITAN AND AGREED ON THE NEW LINE TO WHICH ISRAELI FORCES WILL WITHDRAW BY APRIL 30. THE TWO MILITARY OFFICERS ALSO AGREED THERE WOULD BE A FURTHER MEETING AT THAT TIME TO DISCUSS THE FOURTH AND FINAL WITHDRAWAL OF ISRAELI FORCES.

5. ACCORDING TO RONN, BOTH WEIZMAN AND BEGIN RAISED THE QUESTION OF THE ISRAELI BODIES AND THE PRISONER HELD BY THE PLO FROM THE RECENT INCIDENT NEAR TYRE (PARA 8, REFTTEL A). WALDHEIM UNDERTOOK TO LOOK INTO THE MATTER TO SEE WHAT HE COULD DO TO BE
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